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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LABOR SECRETARY BRENNAN

REF: A. TOKYO 11479 AND PREVIOUS

B. SECSTATE 176930 AND PREVIOUS

1. OSAKA BASED MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC COMPANY, MANUFACTURER OF NATIONAL AND PANASONIC BRAND APPLIANCES AND ONE OF JAPAN'S MAJOR ENTERPRISES, HAS INVITED ENTIRE BRENNAN PARTY FOR PLANT TOUR AND LUNCH ON FRIDAY, SEPT 21. VISIT WILL INCLUDE MEETING WITH COMPANY EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS EXECUTIVE BOARD. KONOSUKE MATSUSHITA, FOUNDER AND UNTIL HIS RECENT RETIREMENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY, IS IN FAILING HEALTH BUT HOPES TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BRENNAN AND HIS GROUP.

2. MATSUSHITA IS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS EMPLOYEE WELFARE PROGRAMS AND ITS SENSE OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. IT WAS THE FIRST MAJOR JAPANESE COMPANY TO INSTITUTE THE FIVE DAY WORK WEEK. WE BELIEVE THAT SECRETARY BRENNAN WILL FIND THE VISIT MOST INTERESTING AND STRONGLY URGE THAT THE COMPANY'S INVITATION BE ACCEPTED.

3. FOLLOWING MATSUSHITA VISIT (SCHEDULED TO END ABOUT 1:30) TOUR OF PRE-FABRICATED HOUSING PLANT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET UP. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD NOT GET PARTY BACK TO KYOTO UNTIL

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ABOUT 7:00 PM, A LONG AND TIRING DAY. PLEASE INFORM ASAP

WHETHER TO CONFIRM OR SCRATCH THIS LATTER APPOINTMENT.

4. SIGHTSEEING IN KYOTO IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY. WE HAVE
ASKED FOR PERMISSION FOR PARTY TO VISIT KATSURA DETACHED IMPERIAL
PALACE AT 10:00 A.M. REST OF SCHEDULE CAN BE ADJUSTED
TO MEET WISHES OF GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

5. DISCUSSION OF TOKYO SCHEDULE FOR MRS. BRENNANA AND SEGALL
WITH EMBASSY WIVES LEADS US TO MODIFY PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN
PARA 2 OF RER A. NIKKO TRIP IS CONSIDERED TOO EXHAUSTING
FOR SINGLE DAY. RECOMMEND ONE DAY OF SHOPPING AND ONE
DAY VISIT TO KAMAKURA. THAT TRIP CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR EITHER
TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY DEPENDING ON WEATHER.

6. AMOUNT AUTOIRIZED FOR EXPENSES (REF B), CONSIDERED ADEQUATE
ASSUMING IT DOES NOT INCLUDE HOTEL COSTS WHICH ARE PAID BY
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